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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): William R. Hodson
Serial No.: 10/692,043
For: AUTOMATIC FIELDBUS DEVICE LOAD-MODE IDENTIFICATION
Filed: October 22, 2003
Examiner: Timothy Bonura
Art Unit: 2114
Confirmation No.: 6432
Customer No.: 000128

Attorney Docket No.: I20 04188 US

Mail Stop Amendment
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing an Amendment in response to the communication dated July 3, 2006, in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.


CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	10	Minus	20	0	x \$50.00	\$
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	0	x \$200.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$360.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY				\$N/A		

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0.00 .

 A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

Dated: October 3, 2006



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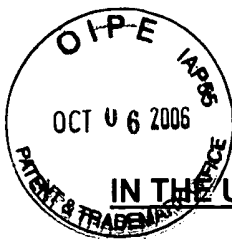
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This response is in reply to the non-final Office Action dated July 3, 2006. Claims 1-10 are pending in the application. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

It is noted with appreciation that the Office Action has indicated that claims 3, 5, 8 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and of any intervening claims.